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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 6314

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, IR
SUBJ: SALE OF AWACS TO IRAN

1. DURING DINNER PARTY WHICH HE HOSTED FOR VISITING GENERAL HUYSER (USCINCEUR), IRANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL AZHARI ASKED ME ABOUT NEWS REPORTS HE HAD SEEN WHICH STATED THAT DCI ADMIRAL TURNER OPPOSED SALE OF AWACS TO IRAN. AZHARI SAID SHAH HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY EXERCISED BY THESE REPORTS.

2. I TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT GAO HAD ASKED CIA FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SALE AND THAT ADMIRAL TURNER HAD SENT A REPLY WHICH IT WOULD BE ERRONEOUS TO CALL "OPPOSED" TO THE SALE. THE GENERAL, REFLECTING IRANIAN EXPERIENCE, HAD SOME DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING HOW A SUBORDINATE OFFICER COULD RAISE QUESTIONS CONCERNING AN ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

3. HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO LENGTHY COMMENTARY ON SUGGESTION THAT AN IRANIAN AWACS CREW MIGHT DEFECT WITH THEIR AIRCRAFT TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE FELT THIS REPORTED OBSERVATION IN THE DCI LETTER REFLECTED FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND IRANIAN SECURITY SYSTEM AND IGNORED POST-WAR HISTORY OF IRANIAN
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RELATIONS WITH USSR. THIS COMMENTARY WAS EMBELLISHED WITH HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF SOVIET OCCUPATION OF AZERBAIJAN.

4. EARLIER IN THE DAY, I HAD SPENT ABOUT FIVE MINUTES WITH SHAH AT AIRPORT WHILE AWAITING RETURN OF EMPRESS FARAH. HE DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION SUBJECT, BUT THAT MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF OTHERS WHO WERE PRESENT DURING OUR TALK.

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